

AFGE has challenged the executive order on official time as a violation of the right to freedom of association guaranteed by the First Amendment.

I was proud to have joined the amicus curiae brief in support of AFSCME's position in the case of Janus v. AFSCME, which supported and defended the need for unions and collective bargaining.

Eighty years ago the American labor movement was little more than a group of dreamers, and look at it now.

From coast to coast, in factories, stores, warehouse and business establishments of all kinds, industrial democracy is at work.

Employees, represented by free and democratic trade unions of their own choosing, participate actively in determining their wages, hours and working conditions.

Their living standards are the highest in the world.

Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups.

They have raised wages, shortened hours and provided supplemental benefits.

Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

But their work goes beyond their own jobs, and even beyond our borders.

Our unions have fought for aid to education, for better housing, for development of our national resources, and for saving the family-sized farms.

They have spoken, not for narrow self-interest, but for the public interest and for the people.

Unions are as important as they ever were—because corporations are just as dedicated to their bottom line, regardless of the consequences for workers.

David Cox Sr., President of the AFGE, understood that "Federal employees understand what is needed to improve the internal workings of their agencies far better than private consultants.

"Federal workers and their representatives should play an important role in the development of organizational changes involving federal agencies and the services they provide."

"Neglecting to seek input from employee representatives in the development of government-wide reorganization plans is counterproductive to any genuine effort to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of government."

AFGE General Counsel David Borer astutely remarked that "These executive orders are clearly at odds with what Congress has mandated by law," and that "These directives from the White House display a shocking lack of respect for the Constitution and represent a serious overreach of the president's executive powers."

Indeed, these executive orders are not merely an affront to the blood and sweat of America's public servants—as great as that may be.

AFGE has also challenged the President's executive orders on the grounds that they exceed the president's authority under the U.S. Constitution by violating the separation of powers and exceeding current law.

The president has used our federal employees not only to frame them as a scapegoat for our nation's problems, but also to subvert Congress' place as an equal branch of government—an attack on our system of checks and balances befitting of a banana republic.

This constitutional crisis should concern us all.

This attack on our federal employees disrupts the effectiveness of our government, labor rights across the nation for all professions, and the integrity of our very system of government.

I urge all of my colleagues to reflect the dedication that these federal employees have shown in serving our nation, and work to resist the arbitrary, despotic attacks that the President has levied against them.

RECOGNIZING MONTANA'S WINNERS IN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS RODEO

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six young Montanans who are among the best in the sport of rodeo.

The National High School Finals Rodeo concluded last weekend in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The competition featured nearly 1,500 of the top contenders from across the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Australia.

Montana was well represented, and six competitors from Big Sky country earned a coveted Top-Ten Buckle.

Alaina Griffel of Columbus placed eighth in breakaway roping. Shai McDonald of Gardiner finished eighth in barrel racing. Meghan McGinley from Bozeman placed tenth in goat tying. Jhet Murphy and Luke Murphy from Helena finished eighth in team roping. Morgan Rising of Wibaux placed seventh in bull riding.

Rodeo is a time-honored sport in Montana and part of our way of life. Montana's young rodeo athletes work hard to compete at the highest level. I congratulate these young Montanans for their excellence at the National High School Finals Rodeo and for being among the best in the world.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY TEAM

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. SABLÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 31 young men and women from the Northern Mariana Islands who performed so admirably at the International Thespian Society Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska last week. Marianas team members earned Superior Medals and even perfect scores at the event.

Winners of Superior Medals were Jonathan and Lars Wolf of Dan Dan Middle School, Louise Li and Julia Malate of Marianas High School, Elizabeth Rose Jones of Kagman High School and the members of Marianas High School's glee club, "Rythym N' Harmony": Miguel Aninon, Roland Balajadia, Angela Barbo, Eden Conner, Jefferson Cunanan, Donna Galvez, Lesly Ibarra, Leonard Manuel, James Reyes, Charley Sablan, Clarisse Torio,

and Rinisa Torres. The Wolf brothers performed a duet acting piece, Jones performed a solo musical theatre piece, Rythym N' Harmony won two medals for group musical performance while Li and Malate won their medals in non-performance categories, Li for theatre marketing and Malate for costume design.

Li and Malate also received perfect scores for their performances, with Rythym N' Harmony scoring perfectly twice.

The rest of the team performed superbly as well, most receiving ratings of "excellent" for their work. From Dan Dan Middle School is Juliet Inocencio, from Hopwood Junior High School is Edgardo and Vladimir Palma, from Francisco M. Sablan Middle School is Christine Munar, from Grace Christian Academy is Su Min (Melody) Woo and from Marianas High School is Rouxiang (John) Lu, Kaye Ann Obando, Michaela Gatdula, Anjenette Cubangbang, Casey Huliganga, Lance Elayda, Chloe Salvosa, Deirdre Rosete, Kasandra "Myka" Villegas and Kelvin Wolf.

Most of these students had to compete throughout the school year to earn a spot on the team roster. But our senior thespians were chosen to participate in an invitation-only Chapter Select Showcase. Their stage production of "The Internet is Distract—OH LOOK, A KITTEN" by Ian McWethy was an effort that included collaboration from several different schools. Kagman High School Coach Joy Jones directed. The Marianas High School Art Club painted backdrops. And public relations and technical support were the work of the Senior Art Club under the direction of Marianas High School Coach Jonel Alepuyo with the participation of all senior performers. The team took home a recognition trophy.

In addition to the ratings and medals, the festival was an opportunity for some of our rising seniors to showcase their talents for colleges in hopes for recruitment. Rouxiang (John) Lu and Su Min (Melody) Woo both got at least 20 call backs and Kelvin Wolf and Clarisse Torrio got at least 10 call backs each.

Of course, these young, aspiring entertainers could not have been so successful without the team of faculty coaches who helped them hone their skills. Coaching the junior thespians were Kristine Wolf of Dan Dan Middle School and Harold Easton of Marianas High School. Coaching the junior thespians were Karen Alla and Jonel Jones of Marianas High School and Joy Jones of Kagman High School. I thank them all.

In addition to their own performances the Marianas team participated in daily workshops, saw performances by fellow thespians from around the country, and got the chance to meet and mingle with fellow members of the International Thespian Society, the honor society for middle and high school theatre students that hosts this festival each year. It is truly an enriching and educational experience.

Please join me in congratulating the Marianas Team for their outstanding performances at the 2018 International Thespian Festival.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF DR. BURTON RICHTER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, a

true patriot, and one of the most highly respected scientists in the world, Dr. Burton Richter.

Burt Richter was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 22, 1931, and died July 18, 2018, at the age of 87, in Palo Alto, California. He attended Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania and earned his Bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the High Energy Physics Lab at Stanford in 1956, became a full professor there in 1967, and he retired as the Paul Piggott Professor in Physical Sciences in 2006.

Burt Richter was an extraordinary scientist. For his discovery of the J/psi subatomic particle, called "the greatest discovery ever in the field of elementary particles," he won and shared the Nobel Prize in 1976 with Samuel Ting of MIT. The discovery, called the 'charm quark', became part of the Standard Model of particle physics, describing how subatomic particles interact.

Dr. Richter was the Director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, now SLAC, from 1984 to 1999. During his tenure he oversaw the construction of the Linear Collider and designed the SPEAR, the Stanford Positron Accelerator Ring, which is still in use today. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He served as President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics and the American Physical Society.

Dr. Richter was honored with the National Medal of Science, the Enrico Fermi Award and the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award. In 2010, he published the book "Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Climate Change and Energy in the 21st Century," which explains the facts of climate change to non-scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our sincerest condolences to Dr. Richter's wife, Laurose, his daughter Elizabeth, son Matthew, daughter-in-law Cheryl, and his grandchildren Allison and Jennifer. In doing so we honor a great and good man who loved his country and served it with great distinction. Burt Richter advanced the betterment of our world and our country. How blessed I am to have known him, to have been the beneficiary of his wise counsel, and to have been inspired by his integrity and patriotism. Simply put, there was no one like him.

TRIBUTE TO TOM JENSEN

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, sometimes people say one person can't make much of a difference. But many times, I've seen that this is not true.

One prime example was a friend of mine, Tom Jensen, who was a businessman and community leader in my District.

Tom was a distinguished member of the Tennessee House of Representatives. During his time in Nashville, he served as chair of the ethics and disclosure committee and was elected as the National Chairman of the State Legislators.

In 1996, Tom came to me with the idea of creating the National Safe Skies Alliance to perform research on aviation safety and security. The alliance is still headquartered near the Knoxville airport.

Tom and I went to the FAA for approval of the alliance and over the years the National Safe Skies Alliance has performed safety and security testing on over 120 national airports. This has brought untold millions into East Tennessee and has done great national significance.

Not only was he a great leader, but an even better Christian. He and his wife, Carolyn, were always a strong presence with their faith community at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, where they taught an adult singles class for 45 years. That class is now named the Jensen Sunday School Class.

Once he graduated from the University of Tennessee, he went to work for his family business in Knoxville, where he learned the lessons of hard work and service. He took those lessons with him to many business ventures, and public service, that led him to his highly successful career.

Having the privilege of knowing Tom has certainly proven to me that one man has the ability to make a big difference. He touched thousands in good and positive ways.

Tom's presence in our Knoxville community will be missed. I am honored to have served him in Congress and even more proud to call him a friend.

This Nation is a better place today because of the life he led.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of Canyon Elementary School. This school, located in my district, has served and guided students on their educational pursuits.

Nestled deep in the redwoods, the school is the only public K-8 institution in the Canyon district. Built in 1918, the school was originally named Valle Vista School, but was later renamed as Canyon School and restructured into a three-classroom complex.

Canyon promotes creativity through inspiring art and music programs. Each Wednesday, the school features a comprehensive visual arts program where students participate in Capoeira activities and learn about the musical arts. In addition, Canyon School encourages and supports a lively community by means of annual student performances.

Canyon Elementary School's mission is to foster a lifelong appreciation for learning, individual academic growth, and achievement through artistic expression. The school is a welcoming place for developing the talents, strengths, and confidence of students.

As a lifelong advocate for early childhood learning, I am grateful for the work that Canyon Elementary School does and the contributions they make to the young minds of our district. Congratulations to Canyon Elementary School on their successful 100 years of service to students and the community.

COLEMAN BAPTIST CHURCH 130TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mrs. HARTZLER. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Coleman Baptist Church on celebrating its 130th anniversary on the 28th of July. Since 1887, the church has been a staple of the northern portion of Peculiar Township just south of Kansas City, Missouri.

The church was originally established by the daughter of Senator Robert Goodwin Coleman Jr. when she recognized the need for a community church. With help from her father, the family raised the \$1,450 needed to build the church. Since then, the church has endured through trials and tribulations, including having to shut down in 1926 due to a decline in members. But the church didn't quit, and eventually reopened its doors in 1940 and has remained opened ever since.

Throughout the years the Coleman Baptist Church has served as a beacon of hope and perseverance in the Peculiar region. It has touched the lives of so many in the community and I am proud to have this house of worship in my congressional district. Once again, congratulations to the Coleman Baptist Church on its 130th anniversary. May God continue to bless you now and into the future.

RICHARD LINDSAY TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard "Dick" Lindsay of the Third Congressional District for his lifelong commitment to service.

Mr. Lindsay was born and raised in Cortez, Colorado and is one of nine siblings. His service began in July 1943 when he enlisted in the United States Navy, at the age of 17-years-old, to serve in World War II. While stationed in California for boot camp, he was trained in landing aircraft and completed his training with a rank of Seaman First Class.

During his service, he was assigned to the USS *Bingham* where he contributed to the ship's efforts to provide supplies to troops across the Pacific. While deployed on the USS *Bingham*, he traveled to Hawaii, Japan, the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Saipan, and Guam. In Japan, Mr. Lindsay saw action at the Battle of Okinawa, Operation Magic Carpet, and took part in amphibious warfare training.

Three years later, in June 1946, Mr. Lindsay transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve, and was able to return home to complete his high school degree. Just a few years later, he met a woman named Nelda, they fell in love, and together they started a family and went on to open The Flower Cottage in Cortez, which they have run together since 1960.

Since then, he has been heavily involved within the Cortez community, spending countless hours volunteering for the Lions Club, American Legion, Elks Club, and coaching Little League baseball. Mr. Lindsay has worked